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Subject: Re[2]: E biomed part two?

Thanks for giving close reportorial attention to the Addendum. But I have to note my surprise at being portrayed throughout your article as so oblivious to the criticism (from "such qualms do not trouble the plan's author...." to "no matter what attendees think of E-biomed"). The reason I have written the Addendum and am spending so much time in discussions about the project is because I am NOT oblivious to the resistance and because the plan is admittedly incomplete, especially with respect to governance and financing. Perhaps we could do an interview at some point in which it is easier to make my attitudes clear. (For instance, Elizabeth has not accurately depicted my state of mind: I don't feel I have done anything yet except stimulate a lot of debate, and I would certainly not [yet?] rank E-biomed among my leading accomplishments in this job. It has been very interesting, however, and potentially very important.)